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# Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 05 December 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Dickinson et al. (US 6,287,197 B1).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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JOHN M. HOTALING, II  
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed proposed amendments to claim 1, specifically, the concept of a first and second symbol being associated with a single outcome such that varying the theme of a game does not change the payout probabilities associated with said game. The examiner does not agree that this is not an obvious variation of the invention disclosed by Dickinson. Applicant expressed intent to file amendments to the claims, which the examiner will consider upon receipt. No agreement with respect to the claims was reached..